

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
WACO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
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VS.	§	CRIMINAL NO. W:23-M-00630(1)
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ELSA MAY FORTENBACKER	§	

**DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO APPEAR VIA ZOOM**

TO THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE:

Now comes Defendant, ELSA MAY FORTENBACKER, by and through her attorney, Sam Martinez, and files this Motion to Appeal Via Zoom in the above styled and numbered cause and in support thereof would respectfully show unto the Court the following:

1. A competency hearing and bond revocation hearing are set for February 5, 2025.
2. Defendant is residing in the State of Maine and reports to a local office in Maine as a condition of bond.
3. Defendant would request to appear via Zoom for the hearing as she does not have the funds to travel to Waco at his time.

**WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED**, the defendant prays the Motion be granted out of the interest of justice.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Defendant's Motion for Continuance has been forwarded to the U.S. Attorney's Office, 800 Franklin, Room 280, Waco, Texas 76701.

SIGNED this 30th day of January, 2025.

/s/ Sam Martinez  
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ORDER ON MOTION TO APPEAR VIA ZOOM

Be it remembered that on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, came on to be considered Defendant's motion, the Court having considered the motion, it is therefore Ordered that the aforesaid motion is hereby

\_\_\_\_\_ [GRANTED]

\_\_\_\_\_ [DENIED]

Signed and entered on this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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JUDGE PRESIDING